



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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U.S. - U.K. Alliance Case

Docket OST-2001-11029

NOTICE SHORTENING ANSWER PERIOD

On June 11, 2003, United Air Lines, Inc. (United), British Midland Airways Limited d/b/a bmi British Midland (bmi), Austrian Airlines Österreichische Luftverkehrs AG, Lauda Air Luftfahrt AG, Deutsche Lufthansa AG, and Scandinavian Airlines System, (hereafter collectively referred to as "United/bmi") filed in the captioned Docket a Motion to amend Order 2002-4-4. That order, as later amended by Orders 2002-10-6 and 2002-12-22, granted final approval and antitrust immunity for alliance agreements between and among the applicants, subject to, among other things, the condition that the United States achieve, by June 30, 2003, an Open-Skies aviation agreement with the United Kingdom that meets U.S. aviation policy objectives.

In their Motion, United/bmi request that the Department delete the condition noted above, or, in the alternative, extend the June 30, 2003 deadline until December 31, 2010.

Under the Department's Rules of Practice, 14 CFR §302.11, answers to United/bmi's Motion would be due on June 20, 2003. However, in view of the short time remaining until the June 30 deadline, we have decided to shorten the answer period to this Motion.

Therefore, acting under authority assigned in 14 CFR §385.3, we will shorten the answer period and will require that answers to the Motion be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. June 17, 2003.¹

¹ For the convenience of the parties, service by facsimile is authorized. Parties should include their fax numbers on their submissions and should indicate on their certificates of service the methods of service used. In the alternative, filers are encouraged to use the electronic submission capability through the Dockets DMS Internet site (<http://dms.dot.gov>) by following the instructions at the web site.

We will serve this Notice on the parties to this proceeding; the Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Washington, D.C.; the Federal Aviation Administration; and the Department of State.

By:

PAUL L. GRETCH
Director
Office of International Aviation

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Dated: June 12, 2003

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